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Once, there were... monsters living in this country...
...who thought nothing of human beings,
who lived their lives only to indulge in pleasures
Once, there were men...
...who loved wanton killing rampages;
they were cursed as the 'Band of Despicable Beasts' and shunned from society.
They were
Feared by men,
SHINOBI NO KUNI

T.N.: Literally, their nickname would be "Clan of Wolf and Tiger". I translated as "Band of Despicable Beasts" in order to convey the meaning behind those words. This author seems to like this "Wolf and Tiger" stuff.

超重量級新連載!!!
忍びの国
文壇を騒がす最注目作家に、
鋭い新人漫画家が迫る!
...the "Iga Shinobi". Men who hid in Iga, the most secluded place in Japan.
Chapter 001
Original work. Wada Ryu ("Shinobi no Kuni", edited by Shinchosha)
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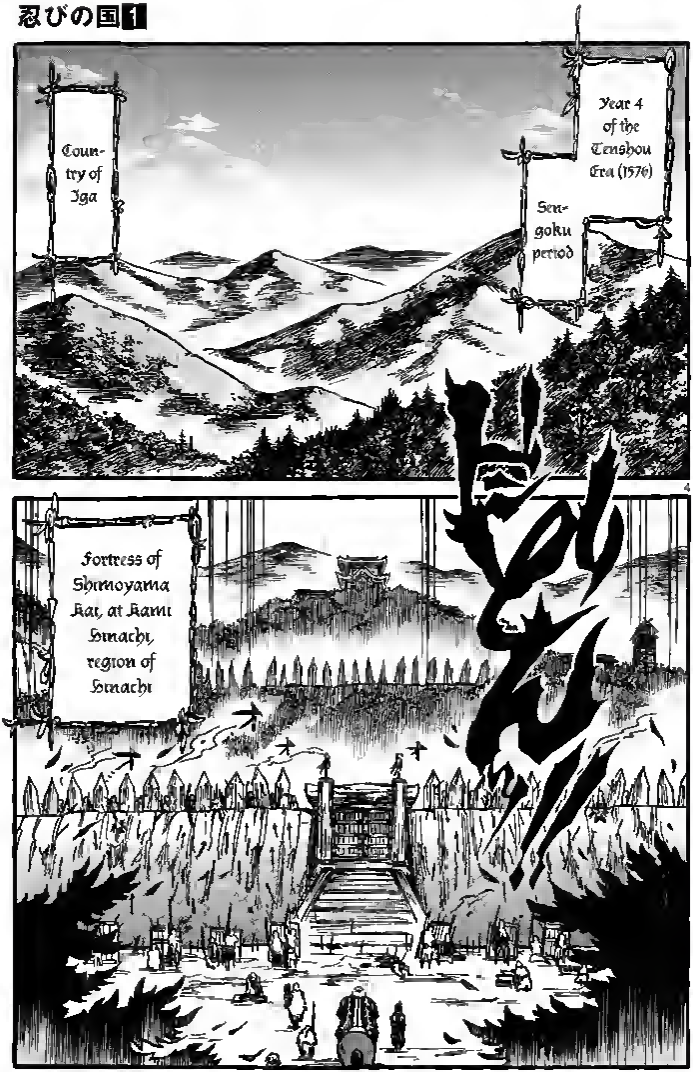
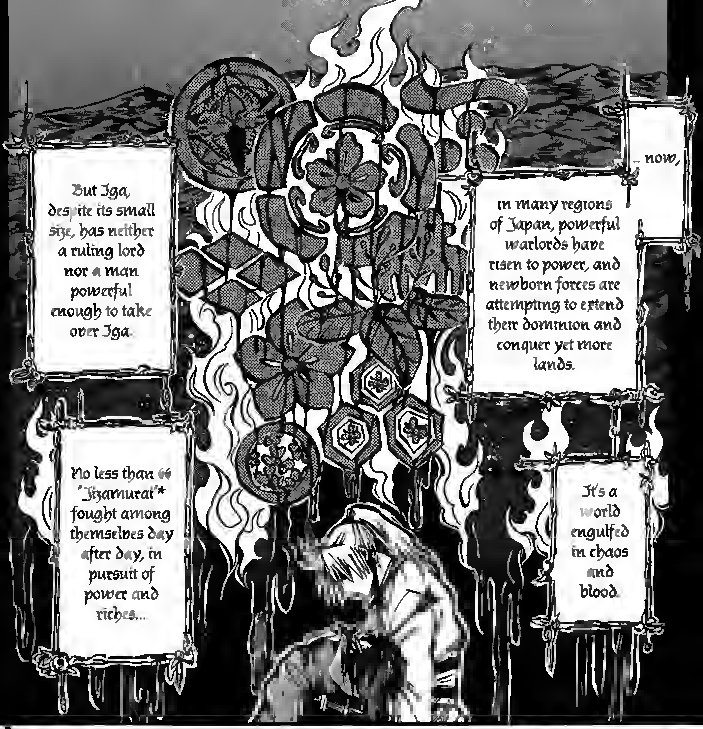
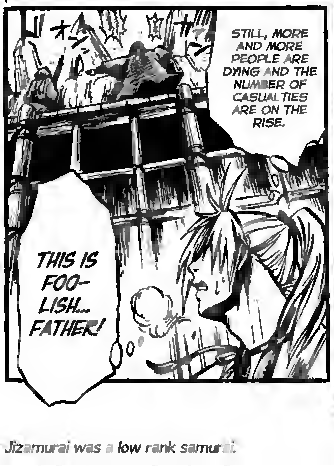

Country of Iga
Year 4 of the Tenshou Era (1576)
Sengoku period
Fortress of Shimoyama Kai, at Kami Ichi Machi, region of Ichi Machi

TN: the region of Hinachi, now city of Nabari, in Mie, was actually home to many of the Iga ninja branches.

DAMN! THOSE MOMOCHI ARE PRETTY TOUGH!
HEY! WE RAN OUT OF GUNPO-WDER!
.....
GA H!

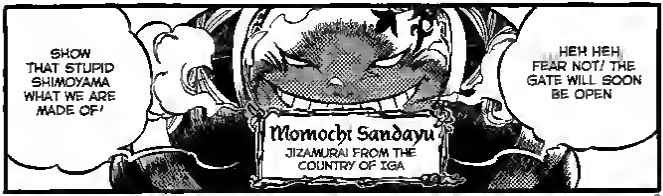
HEY! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
!
...DAMN!!!
WHAT ARE WE WARRING FOR...?!


But Iga, despite its small size, has neither a ruling lord nor a man powerful enough to take over Iga.
...now, in many regions of Japan, powerful warlords have risen to power, and newborn forces are attempting to extend their dominion and conquer yet more lands.
No less than 66 "Jizamurai"* fought among themselves day after day, in pursuit of power and riches...
It's a world engulfed in chaos and blood.



T.N.: Jizamurai was a low rank samurai.

DO NOT ALLOW THAT IDIOT MOMOCHI TO ENTER OUR FORTRESS!!!
FEED YOUR GUNS! BRING MORE ARROWS!!
Shimoyama Kai
JIZAMURAI FROM THE COUNTRY OF IGA


SHOW THAT STUPID SHIMOYAMA WHAT WE ARE MADE OF!
HEH HEH FEAR NOT! THE GATE WILL SOON BE OPEN
Momochi Sandayu
JIZAMURAI FROM THE COUNTRY OF IGA

HYAHYAHYA! YOU ARE GETTING OLD!
THE PROBLEM NOW IS THAT WE HAVE TO COVER UP FOR THEIR DEATHS AND THAT IS EXTRA WORK
KISARU IS TOTALLY RIGHT!
That's really hard on me!!

T.N.: Shimoyama Kai was and Momochi were both real shinobi from Iga. Momochi clan was one of the three high rank ninja clans of Iga, along with Hattori and Fujibayashi.

I WILL GO HOME IF THAT D@MN GATE DOESN'T OPEN! I AM STANDING HERE DOING NOTHING SO FAR!
I AM DYING TO KILL THEM!
!...
FEH KISARU, BUNGO, DON'T BE SO HASTY!
I TOLD YOU, THE GATE WILL OPEN.
Oh, no another one...
9
BROTHER!
I HAVE ALREADY SENT "HIM" TO OPEN IT...!

JIROBE
!?
WHAT A NUISANCE!
?
WHAT-? WHY ARE YOU CARRYING THAT...

IT WILL BE EASY TO KILL ALL THOSE MEN OF MOMOCHI!!!
IF WE, THE SHIMOYAMA BROTHERS, JOIN OUR FORCES AND FIGHT,
LETS GO OUT THERE FOR THE FIGHT!
HEY, BROTHER...
JIRO-
.....

EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE OUR ENEMIES, THEY HAVE PARENTS. THEY HAVE CHILDREN.
THEY ARE HUMAN BEINGS.
WHAT?
AND WE HAVE NO RIGHT TO KILL THEM FOR NOTHING...!

Umm.
WHAT A WEIRD THING YOU SAY, BROTHER.
?

Am I the one who is being weird here...?
...You think so?
!?
?!
WHAT?!

!?
GAA AH!
GAH
WHAT?
HUH?
HEY!
!?
!
WHAT HAPP...
?!
WHAT IS IT?!
BOSS, WE HAVE TROUBLE!!

THE GATE HAS BEEN OPENED!!!
14
I TOLD YOU SO.
Ooh!

T.N. Shuriken is a throwing weapon of ninjas.

THERE ARE TOO MANY SHURIKEN* FLYING AROUND HERE! JUST HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE ATTACKING US?!
DAMN! WHEN DID THEY...?!
...this shuriken is....
!!!!
YOU MUST BE JOKING! HOW CAN A SINGLE MAN DO ALL THIS...?!
IT'S IMPOS-SIBLE!!
!?
...JUST ONE MAN.

Only one man who can do it...
Yet, there is one man...
Whisper
I DIDN'T EXPECT TO SEE YOU AT THE BATTLE-FIELD...
HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN SINCE YOU'VE LAST SHOWED UP IN A PLACE LIKE THIS...?
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!!
SO, IT'S HIM!?
IT CAN'T BE...!!
!?
COUGH!
COUGH!

"Murmon"
!!!
I HATE SMOKE.

TIME TO GO BACK...
WELL, THEN.

HEY, YOU GUYS

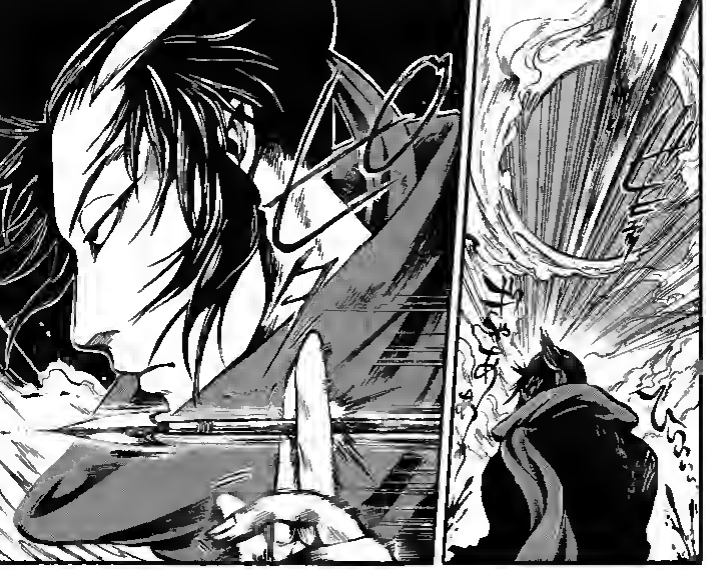
THE GATE IS OPEN!!!
HEY!

YOU ARE REALLY STUPID...

HOW DARE YOU SAY THAT TO YOUR ALLIES?!
IF YOU GO FOR AN ALL-OUT ATTACK LIKE THIS...
HUH?!
WHAT?!

FIRE!!!
IN OTHER WORDS
AND THE DEFENDERS AREN'T SO STUPID TO LET THAT PASS BY...
I CAN'T SEE A THING!
DAMN!
YOU WILL BE FORCED TO GATHER AT THAT NARROW BRIDGE TO CROSS IT

YOU WILL GET PLENTY OF ARROWS FLYING YOUR WAY, PERHAPS?



Whoops
TOO LATE?
SO, WATCH OUT.
OH.

HEY, IT'S YOU, BUNGO.
HAH! THANKS FOR BEING A SHIELD FOR ME!
A LESS THAN BRIGHT GUY LIKE YOU WAS ABLE TO FORESEE THIS RAIN OF ARROWS? WOW, SO THAT'S WHY...
SH-SHADD UP!!
AND GO HOME!!
OH, DON'T WORRY. I'LL GO HOME. MY JOB IS OVER NOW

THEY ARE MY PREY!!!
I HOPE YOU MEAN IT! DON'T DARE COME THIS WAY!

……

This was doomed to happen once again...
So...

YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE WHO HASN'T DRAWN A WEAPON.
WHAT HAPPENED?

HEIBE !!
!

FATH ..
DRAW YOUR WEAPON!
THIS... IS WAR!!

I DON'T WANT TO KI—
DON'T COME ANY CLOSER!!!
HAHAH! WHO'S THAT IDIOT?!
HUH? HEY, HE HAS NO WEAPON IN HIS HANDS?!
DIE!!!!
...!!!

うげ
GOOD! TEN MEN ALREADY!
I THINK I'VE KILLED THE MOST IN THIS BATTLE AS WELL!
PERHAPS I SHOULD TRY TO BREAK MY PERSONAL RECORD AND...
OH?

WHA...?
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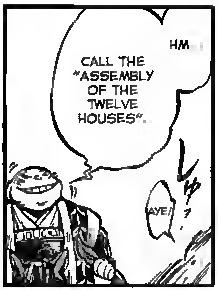
G... D... DAMN... THAT'S A...
GAAA AH!!!
A FACELESS MASK!!
DAMN YOU! YOU ARE HEIBE, THE SCION OF SHIMOYAMA!!

Gah! Our eyes me!!
I HAVE NO TIME TO LOSE. I HAVE TO...
...OH?
IF MY BROTHER PUT HIS MASK ON, IT MEANS THAT HE'S FIRED UP!

We can't fight
...against that!!
Wait!

BOSS!
WHAT?
TCH.

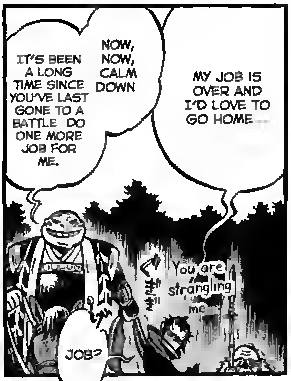
HM...


HM
CALL THE "ASSEMBLY OF THE TWELVE HOUSES".
AYE!

WHAT?
I SEE...

BOSS?
UHM....

Wait!
KILL JIROBE, THE SECOND SON OF SHIMOYAMA KAI.
No way, idiot!!


NOW, NOW, CALM DOWN
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE YOU'VE LAST GONE TO A BATTLE. DO ONE MORE JOB FOR ME.
MY JOB IS OVER AND I'D LOVE TO GO HOME...
You are strangling me
JOB?

T.N. "mon" was a currency unit of that time.
I'LL GIVE YOU 100 MON*!!
HOW DOES THAT SOUND?!
HM?!
HOLD ON!
SO LONG.
……
Hm.

KISARU, I'LL BORROW THIS.
!?
HOWEVER, HE MOST CERTAINLY WORTH THE MONEY I PAY HIM.
TCH HE IS JUST TOO LAZY
AND WITHOUT MONEY, HE DOESN'T OBEY THE ORDERS OF HIS MASTER
!?
WHAT ...?!
32
Something is coming ...?!

T.N.: "Mumon" literally means "No gate".

SO, IT WAS MUMON ...
BUT WHY IS HE HERE TODAY?

IS THERE ANY-BODY NAMED ...
JIROBE ?
YEAH! IT'S ME!!
Damn, I told you not to come!
BUT GOOD THING YOU DID, THEM SAVED

OH, REALLY?

……？

NOT ONLY IN MY MOMOCHI CLAN, BUT IN THE WHOLE COUNTRY OF IGA.
HE IS JUST TOO FAMOUS.

His skills dreaded as supernatural, his abilities sung as supreme...
He is the strongest Shinobi!!!

JI...!!!

JIR
OBE
EE!!

IM
IMP
OSS
IBLE

The energy coming from this guy... he seems like...
What's this ?!

The god of death!!!
WELL
I'M LEAVING
AH-
AAA AAH !!!

MU-
MON
!!!!

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YOU USE TWO WEAPONS TOO?
WHAT?
I will not forgive you!!!

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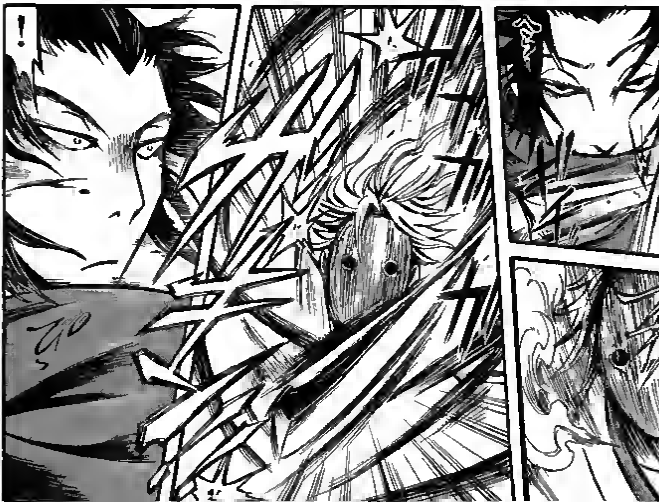
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This guy...!
!?
THAT GUY WAS ABLE TO HIT MUMON!!
!!
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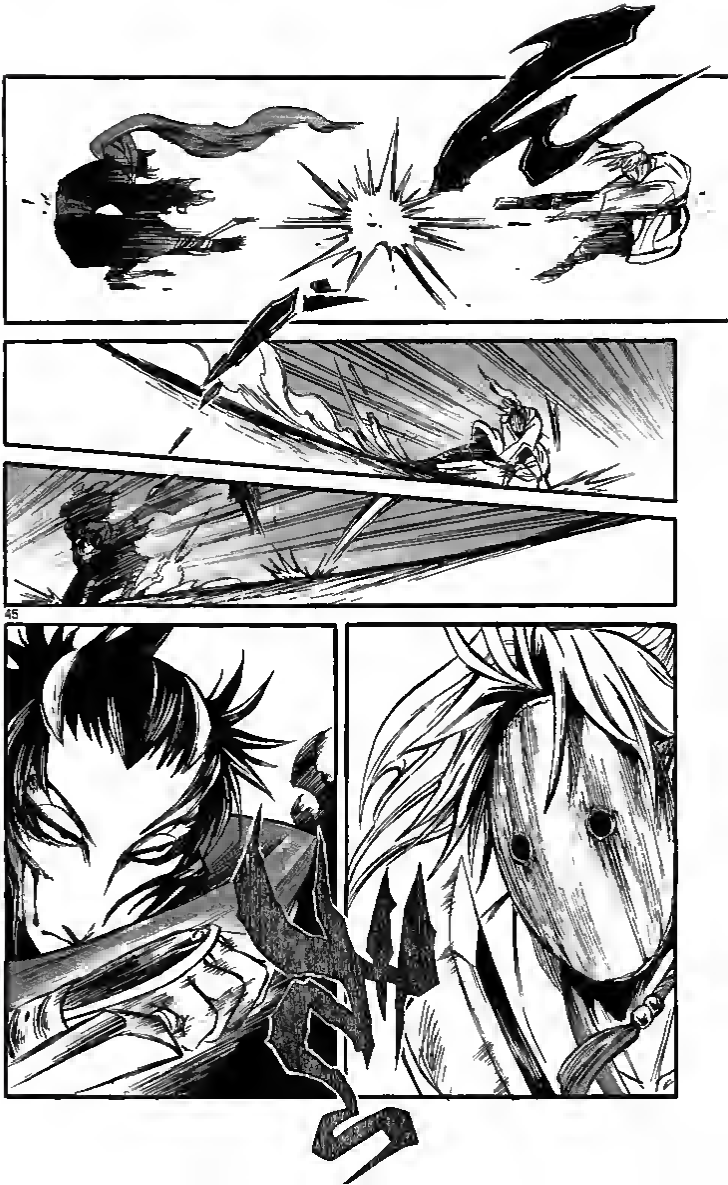

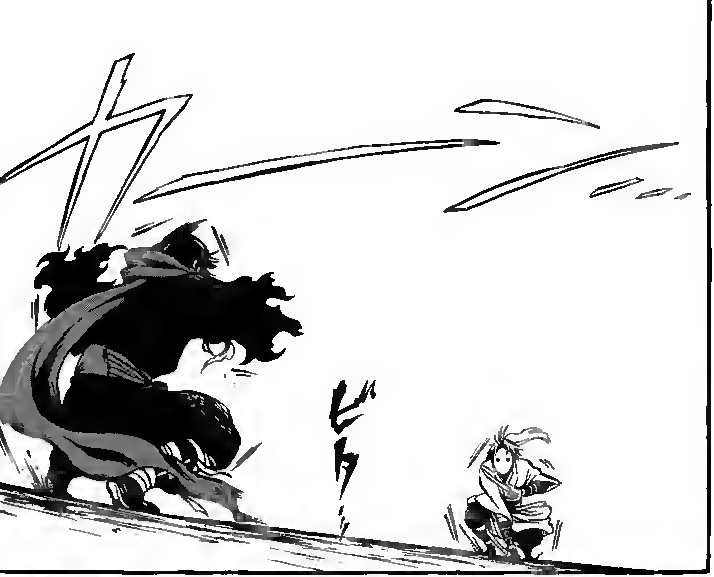
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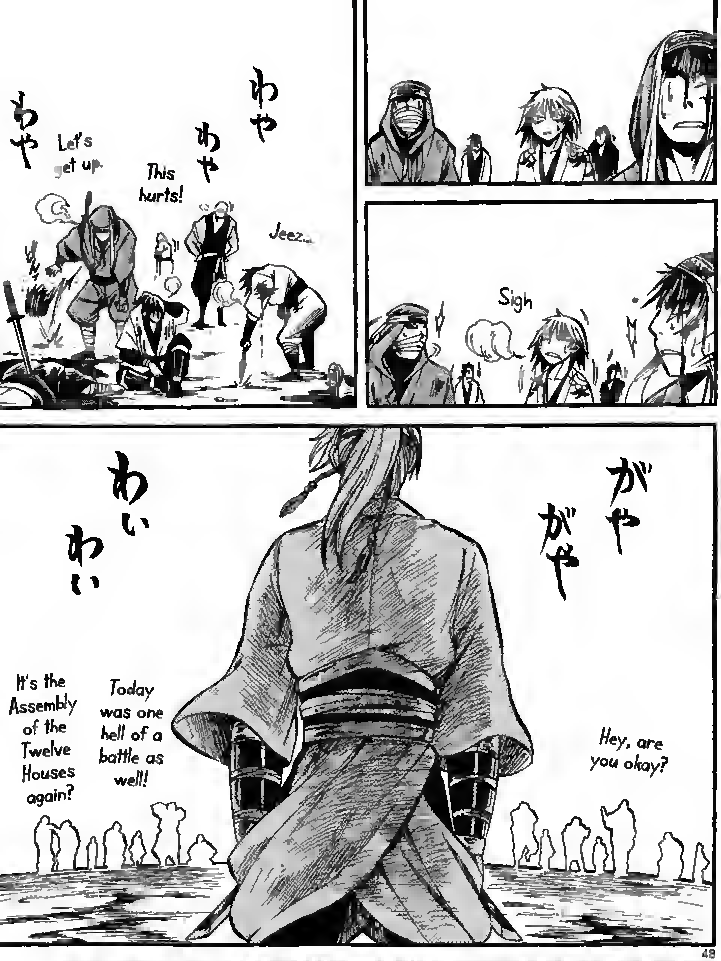
HEY, SANDAYU! DID YOU HEAR?!
OH, YES! IT'S THE "ASSEMBLY OF THE TWELVE HOUSES"!!
THE WAR IS OVER!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わや
わや
Let's get up.
This hurts!
Jeez...
Sigh
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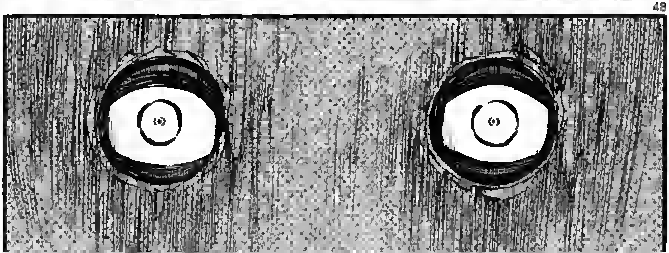
It's the Assembly of the Twelve Houses again?
Today was one hell of a battle as well!
Hey, are you okay?



Hahahaha
How about a drink?
Okay, let's go home
THAT WOULD BE NICE WAIT A SECOND!
WHAT ABOUT GOING TOGETHER TO THE HEIRAKUJI TEMPLE?

...Yes. It is a "military alliance" formed by the Jizamurai of Iga. Whenever Iga is invaded by forces from a foreign country, twelve chosen Jizamurai are gathered in an assembly.

...they must head immediately to the Assembly, gathering at the Heirakuji temple...
When the ceiling bell is tolled, no matter what happens...

but...

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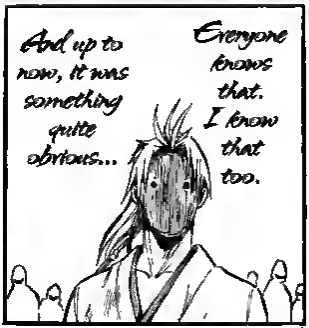
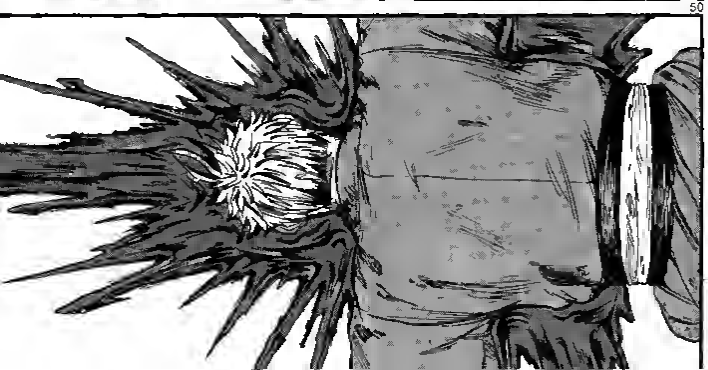

And up to now, it was something quite obvious...
Everyone knows that. I know that too.



HEIBE!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! YOU HAVE TO COME AS WELL!!
FATHER!
B...
BUT...
YOUR SON...!!
YOUR SON HAS BEEN KILLED!!
WHAT?
.....
...AND?

...WHAT?
HE WAS NOTHING BUT A SECOND OFF-SPRING, A MERE SERVANT!
WHY ARE YOU SO UPSET AT THE DEATH OF A SERVANT?!
YOU FOOL!
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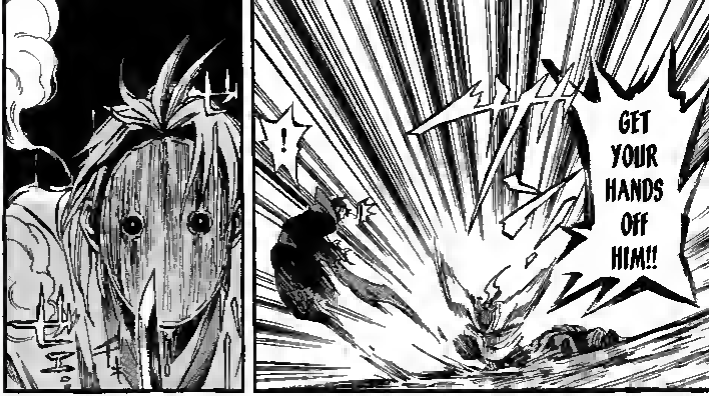
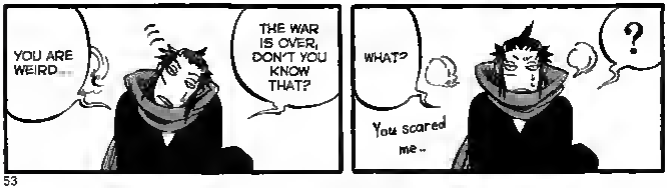
WHAT...? NO...
There's something wrong...
What's this?!
What...! What are these people...?!
OH, MY, THIS GUY SEEMED FAIRLY COOL.
it's a pity


GET YOUR HANDS OFF HIM!!
!


YOU ARE WEIRD...
THE WAR IS OVER, DON'T YOU KNOW THAT?
WHAT?
You scared me..
?

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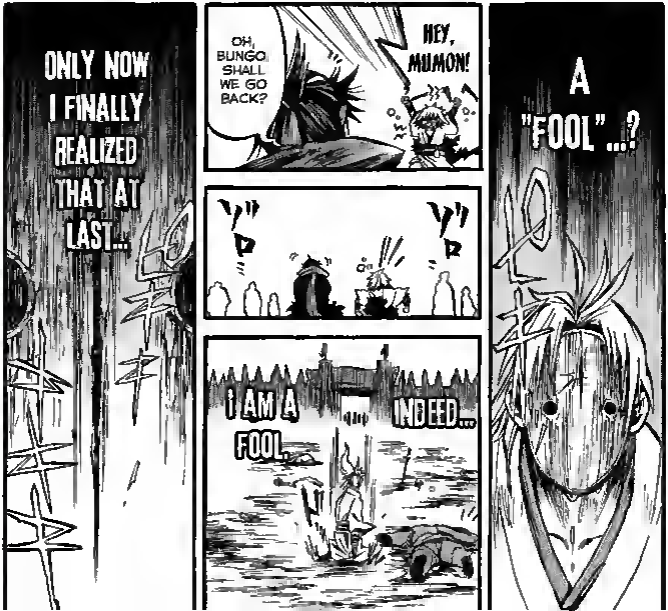
ONLY NOW I FINALLY REALIZED THAT AT LAST...
OH, BUNGO, SHALL WE GO BACK?
HEY, MUMON!
I AM A FOOL.
INDEED...
A "FOOL"...?

THAT BOY IS STRANGE
HE IS A GOOD SHINOBI
BUT HE IS TOO STUPID TO UNDERSTAND IGA'S WAY OF LIFE
HE CAN ONLY FIGHT AFTER PUTTING ON HIS MASK. THAT SHOWS A WEAKNESS...
HEH HEH
HOWEVER...
HE MAY BE A USEFUL PAWN IN THE FUTURE...
...THOSE MEN...

THOSE MEN ARE NOT HUMANS!!!

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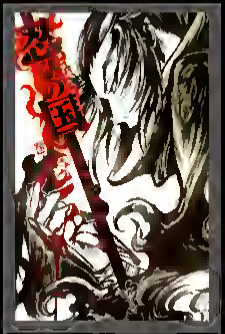

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◆第弐話（だいにわ）

The Twelve House's Council Assembly
Seiraku Hall Temple
The Twelve House Council
WELL THEN...
Shimoyama Kai

Momoji Sandayuu
WE HAVE CONVENED HERE TODAY...
BECAUSE WE RECEIVED SOME INTERESTING NEWS
ODA NOBUNAGA'S SECOND SON NOBUKATSU
CONQUERED THEIR NEIGHBORING COUNTRY'S FORMER GOVERNOR KITABATAKE TOMONORI...
AND HE DEPARTED TO TAMARU CASTLE.
ドドドド
?!!
FU HI HI...
HOW PREDICTABLE.
From this war, all power will fester from the Kitabatake house, and finally the governor seat will be succeeded.
In order to settle matters between Nobunaga and Tomonori after their great war, "The Battle in the Great River", Nobukatsu and Kitabatake's daughter were joined in a political marriage, so Nobukatsu became Tomonori's son-in-law.

Otowa Hanroku
THAT MEANS ..
IT IS THE BEGINNING OF DANGEROUS TIMES
WHEN THAT HAPPENS, THE KITABATAKE BLOODLINE WILL BE CUT,
AND ODA WILL REIGN OVER ISE
ODA'S FORCE WILL BE IMMENSE.
THE ODA HOUSE WHICH HAS OVERTAKEN OUMI, YAMATO, AND NOW EVEN ISE...
近江
伊賀
大和
伊勢

AND THEN ODA'S ARMIES WILL RIDE AGAINST US!!
ONLY IGA STILL REMAINS...
ごくり

HOWEVER, THE INTERE-STING PART IS THAT...
HYA HYA HYA...
HE IS ACCOMPANIED BY HIS SUBORDINATES, WHO ONCE SERVED KITABATAKE.
NOBUKATSU WHO IS LEADING THE ASSASSINATION EVEN THOUGH HE'S A LEADER, HE'S STILL AN 18-YEAR-OLD NOVICE,
I WONDER HOW THE DEFEATED TOMONORI'S MENTAL STATE WILL BE... ?!
H... HOW...!? HOW CAN HE BE SO RELAXED...?
HEHE HE
.. ANYWAY, FIRST WE HAVE TO WATCH THE COURSE OF EVENTS UNFOLD
CURRENTLY, ON MY END...

I'VE ALREADY SENT MY SUBORDINATES TO INVESTIGATE
6
DAMMIT! OUR LORD'S SUCH A SLAVE DRIVER!
RIGHT AFTER THE WAR, HE'S MADE US RUN TO THIS PLACE!
SO
THAT'S KITABATAKE TOMONORI'S MANSION
THE IMPERIAL PLACE OF MISE
OI!
ATC HOU!

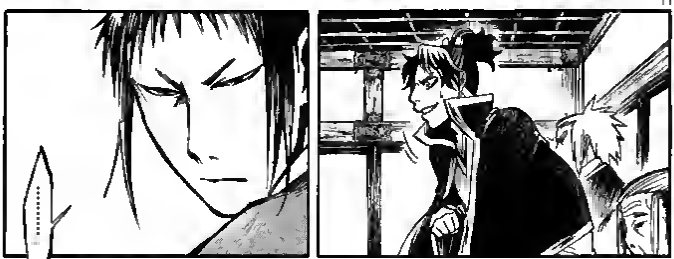
ぬくぬく
ズズ
...SO?
WHO WILL START?

HA! I'LL NEVER ACKNOWLEDGE YOU AS A FATHER
I HAVE ONLY ONE FATHER, A GREAT MAN CALLED ODA NOBUNAGA!
Kitabetake (Oda) Nobukatsu
YOU, NOBUKATSU?
MY SON-IN-LAW.
Kitabatake Tomonori
HOW ABOUT WORRYING FOR YOURSELF?!
INSTEAD OF WORRYING ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE
CONTINUE TO TAKE CARE OF HER FROM HERE ON.
EVEN AMONG MY DAUGHTERS, I'M QUITE PROUD OF HER
...NOBUKATSU, IS YOUR WIFE STILL A STRICT ONE?
ALSO...
NO ONE WILL COME TO SAVE YOU!
BY THIS TIME, MY MEN HAVE STRUCK DOWN ALL OF YOUR FOLLOWERS!
NO ONE IS LEFT IN THIS MANSION!

I AM SURE YOU STILL REMEMBER...
HOW POWERFUL THESE MEN HERE ARE, SINCE YOU WERE THEIR FORMER MASTER.
HEKI DAIZEN
NAGANO SAKIYOU NOSUKE
TSUGE SABUROU ZAEMON
OOHH. EVERYONE, IT'S BEEN A WHILE...
!
DAIZEN ..?
...CAN IT BE THAT YOU ARE STILL HESITATING ABOUT THIS!?

SEVEN YEARS AGO. .
?
AFTER THE BATTLE IN THE GREAT RIVER,
I'D ALREADY FORESEEN THIS DAY WOULD COME...
I'D LOST TO NOBUNAGA... AND AS A RESULT..
A GREENHORN, WITHOUT ANY TRUE STRENGTH, GOT HIS HANDS ON THE KITABATAKE HOUSEHOLD
Sir!!
I'M AFRAID ...
SAKIYOU-- NOSUKE !!!

DISPOSING OF THE WEAK
IS COMMON PRACTICE DURING THESE TURBULENT TIMES
FORGIVE ME!



?!!!
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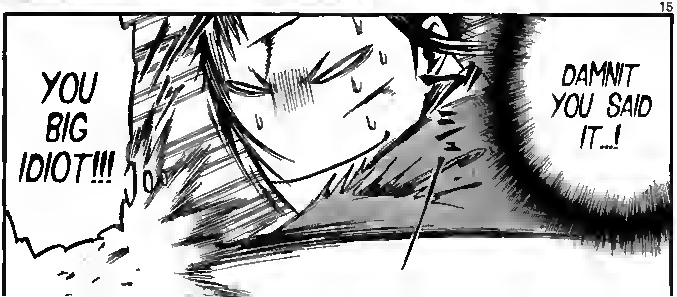
KU KU KU... SAKIYOUNOSUKE, HAS IT BEEN SUCH A LONG TIME THAT YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN?
CONCEALED..
COMPLETELY
WHAT THE-?!!
I, KITABATAKE TOMONORI,
WAS THE STUDENT OF THE SWORD MASTER TSUKAHARA BOKUDEN
AND THE GOVERNOR DURING DARK TIMES!!!
TCH

I knew it...
Right...?
Daizen...?!
Our previous lord...
was such a great man!
DAIZEN!! ASSIST SAKIYOU-NOSUKE!!

DAIZEN, MOVE IT!!
HURRY, DAIZEN!!
DIDN'T YOU HEAR ME?!
TCH!! .. YOU WRETCH !!
ARE YOU NOT GOING TO ASSIST SAKIYOU-NOSUKE!?
DAIZEN -?
AFTER COMING HERE, DON'T SAY ANYTHING IDIOTIC...!
CAN IT BE?! DON'T SAY IT!!
HE IS MY PREVIOUS LORD... CAN'T YOU CUT HIM?
DAI...


YOU BIG IDIOT!!!
DAMNIT YOU SAID IT...!

Right now, our lord is Nobukatsu-sama! Don't waver, Daiten!
EVEN THOUGH THAT'S WHAT I SAID...
DIDN'T YOU HEAR WHAT YOUR MASTER SAID?
WHY DID YOU COME HERE IN THE FIRST PLACE?
DO YOU INTEND TO LOSE?!
YOU'RE NOISY!!!
YOU WRETCH
HOW DARE YOU INSULT YOUR MASTER?!
WHAT'S WRONG, SAKIYOU-NOSUKE?
SHOW ME YOUR STRENGTH!!
YOUR PRIDE AS "GREAT SWORD"
SHALL BE YOUR DOWNFALL!!

Mua haha ha!!
TCH...
Oohoho...
THAT OLD MAN IS QUITE SPIRITED,
WHILE THE YOUNG ODA LORD IS QUITE PATHETIC.
CAN HE REALLY WIN WITH THAT?
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HM?
BUN GO ...
"KONASU" IS NOT HERE.
WHAT?!
ARE YOU SURE YOU SEARCHED THOROUGHLY?

Nasu means eggplant and bungo here is mistaken it with Konasu

BUT SOMEHOW THAT MISER LANDLORD DIDN'T SEEM INTERESTED IN IT!
IT'S VALUE IS 10,000 KAN. IT'S KITABATAKE'S PRIZED TREASURE, YOU KNOW?
WELL, IF IT'S NOT HERE THEN IT CAN'T BE HELPED ...
WHO THE HELL WAS IT?
IT SEEMS THAT SOMEONE ELSE ALREADY TOOK IT...
WHO KNOWS !?
IT'S A TEA CEREMONIAL TOOL THAT CONTAINS THE TEA.
KONA SU!
WELL... WHATEVER! THAT... UH , "NASU"?
YEAH, THAT ONE
IT LOOKS LIKE THE END IS NEAR!!
THUD
OW!
ON THE OTHER HAND,

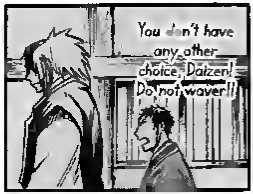
T/N Kodachi means short sword

DA...
?!

DAIZEN
!!!
UUGG
UGH!!

AAA
AAA
AAA
ARG
H!!

To save me, a friend!!
THE REASON YOU ACCOMPANIED ME HERE WAS ..


You don't have any other choice, Daizen! Do not waver!!

Don't worry, Sakiyou-nosuke
...I'm also going to the Imperial Palace of Mise

...DAIZEN, YOU...
YOU KNOW THE DIFFERENCE IN SKILL BETWEEN ME AND TOMONORI

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DAIZEN!! QUICKLY!!
FINISH HIM OFF!!
ke ke
ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?!
DAIZEN
DAIZEN!!

ごくり
HEY DAIZEN
LISTEN CAREFULLY...
AFTER THIS, ISE WILL HOLD ITS OATH AND BECOME ODA'S HOUSEHOLD PROPERTY.
EVEN YOU, AS OF TODAY WILL BE ODA'S SAMURAI DAISHOU
IF YOU HAVE VASSALS, THINK ABOUT THEIR WELL-BEING

.....
What are they talking about...?
...?
DAIZEN, LIVE ON AND JOIN WITH THE ODA HOUSEHOLD HENCEFORTH ....

!?
I, AS A WARRIOR, HAVE WORN OUT ALL MY EFFORT.
THIS IS YOUR VICTORY ...!
DAIZEN, FINISH ME OFF.

I RE-
FUSE!!

I REFUSE!
FINISH ME OFF...
DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND, DAIZEN...
DAIZEN!! THAT'S ENOUGH. QUICKLY FINISH...

E/N: Ugh~ That dude has a really long name! I had to go back a few pages to figure out he was talking about the 3rd guy

T/N: Iwabuk Itsu's Misshonor file

A..AH... THAT'S RIGHT...
I APOLO-GIZE, SOBU-ROUZA ...
I SEE..
HE IS DIFFERENT FROM ANY OF US,
HE HAS A CLEAR MALICE.
HE...
ATTACKED OUR FORMER LORD FROM BEHIND...
TSUGE!!!
YOU, PEOPLE OF IGA, YOU...!!!

TCH...THAT BASTARD, HIS MURDEROUS AURA IS OVER-FLOWING
HM?
EVEN IN ODA'S TROOPS, THE PEOPLE OF IGA ARE REALLY A PAIN IN THE ASS
SO THAT GRAMPS IS A MAN OF IGA, HUH?
30
SOMETHING WITH A DREADFUL POWER IS COMING THIS WAY...!!
BUNGO
WHAT IS IT?!
SOM-ETHING ...

DID NOBUKATSU-SAMA AND THE OTHERS FINISH THEIR WORK?
!?
EEK!
AH...YOU MEAN DAIZEN-SAMA...
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS? IT IS BECAUSE THE VASSAL WHO FOLLOWED HIM IS ON A DIFFERENT LEVEL.
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AFTER HIM!
BASTARD! YOU'RE STILL ABLE TO STAND, HUH?!
!
O... OI!!
HUH? W...WHAT IS THAT SOUND ...?
TOMO ...
TOMO-NORI-SAMA ...
I'M... COM...
WHAT THE...?!
UGH!!

GYA AA!
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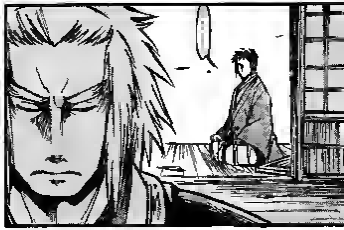
HE, HE'S FAST.
THERE ARE MORE COMING THROUGH!
THEN THAT MEANS
AH, H!
AH
AH
THE ONE JUST NOW!!! CAN IT BE...
THAT FLAG IS...!
!!

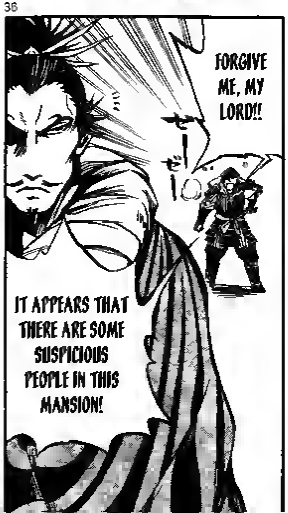
!?
TOMONORI-SAMA!
TOM
OOOM
AH...

KU KU KU
WHAT A FOOLISH SCOUN-DREL.
DO YOU STILL SWEAR YOUR ALLEGIANCE TO KITABATAKE?

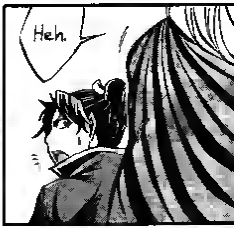
FATH
ER!!
F...
FA...
TOO
SLOW!!
NOBU-
NAGA-
SAMA
MY
LORD!!
FATHER!!
I, NOBU-
KATSU
HAVE
FULFILLED
MY
MISSION!!
TOMO-
NORI...
HE'S
NOW
ON THE
GROUND!

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?!
DAIZEN!!! YOU BASTARD !!!




FORGIVE ME, MY LORD!!
IT APPEARS THAT THERE ARE SOME SUSPICIOUS PEOPLE IN THIS MANSION!

Father is smiling?!

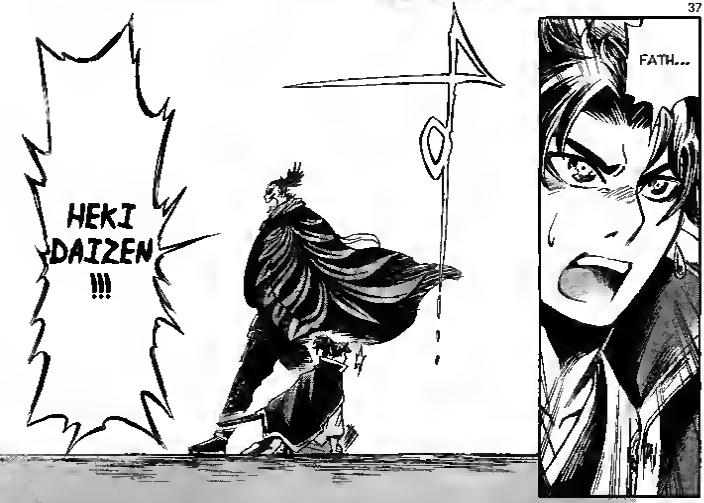

Heh.

Wha..?

THEY ESCAPED AT AN UNUSUAL SPEED....
NOT EVEN THE CAVALRIES COULD CATCH UP WITH THEM.

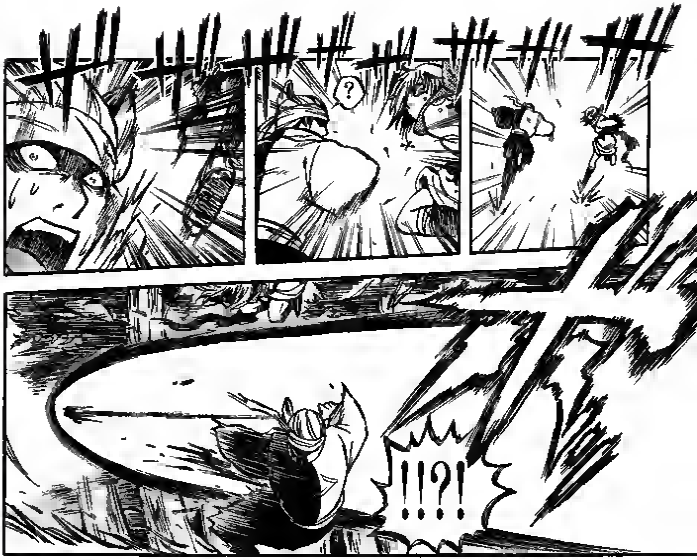
HEH! NO HORSE, ARROW, OR RIFLE CAN TOUCH ME!

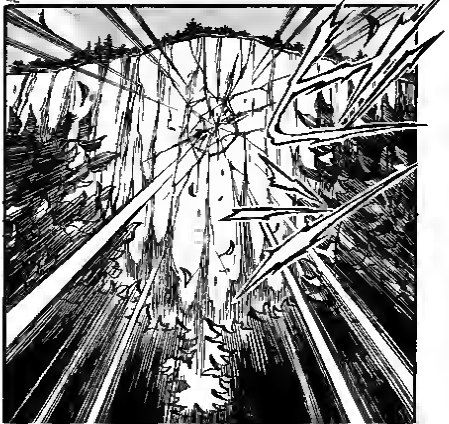
THE REASON IS BECAUSE THEY THREW THESE THINGS IN FRONT OF THE CAVALRIES.
...MAKI-BISHI...
THE PEOPLE OF IGA, HUH?

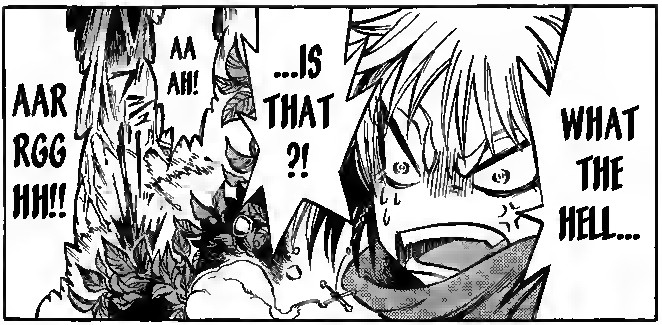

FATH...
HEKI DAIZEN !!!

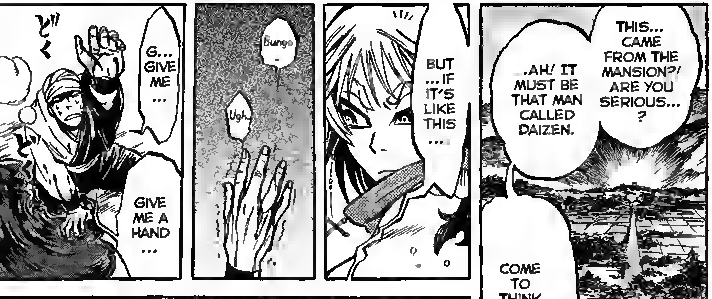
SIR!
DAIZEN, YOU ARE THE ONLY WARRIOR IN THIS WORLD THAT CAN MANIPULATE THIS BOW AS IF IT'S A PART OF YOUR BODY.
SO, DO ME A FAVOR AND SHOW ME THAT YOU ARE CAPABLE OF SHOOTING DOWN THOSE IGA PEOPLE!
A TIGHTLY-DRAWN, RECURVE BOW SPECIALLY MADE FOR YOU BY 5 CRAFTSMEN AT AZUCHI.
THIS IS A GIFT FOR YOU.

But are you talking to that guy?! Father...
WHAT'S WRONG? DON'T YOU WANT IT?
You didn't say one word to me...
...Why?
AND JUST LIKE TAMETOMO, YOU HAVE THAT ABILITY!!
HEH HEH HEH
.....
THE ONE WHO ONCE DREW THIS BOW WAS AT THE END OF THE HEIAN ERA, WHEN THERE WAS AN UNREASONABLE MILITARY FORCE THAT RAISED HAVOC IN KYUUSHUU.
MINAMOTO NO TAMETOMO AND THOSE WITH THE SAME POWER WERE NEEDED TO REGAIN PEACE.
...Something is coming!!
...GOOD!
WE JUST NEED TO JUMP OFF THIS CLIFF.






WHAT THE HELL...
...IS THAT ?!
AA AH!
AAR RGG HH!!


THIS... CAME FROM THE MANSION?! ARE YOU SERIOUS...?
..AH! IT MUST BE THAT MAN CALLED DAIZEN.
COME TO THINK OF IT, MASTER DID SAY THAT...
THOSE WHO CAN DRAW THE RECURVE BOW REQUIRE SPECIAL ATTENTION
BUT ...IF IT'S LIKE THIS ....!
Bungo
Ugh.
G... GIVE ME ...
GIVE ME A HAND ...

.....
YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING?!

IF YOU WERE ME, WOULD YOU TAKE ME?
PLEA...
DI OI, DON'T ASK SOME-THING SO FOOLISH
TAKE ME WITH YOU...
UNTIL WE REA-CH IGA

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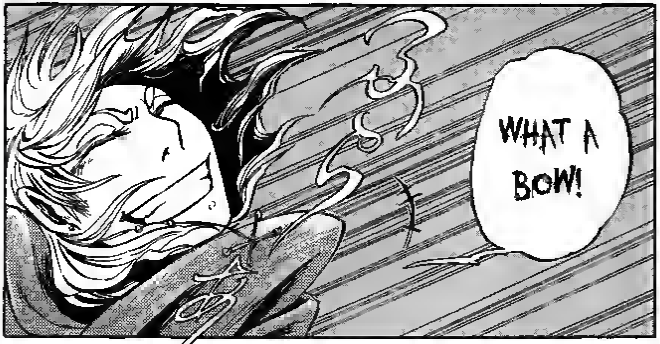
WHAT A BOW!

WE'LL HAVE TO GO TO WAR AGAINST THEM SOONER OR LATER.
HE HE HE. INTERE-STING
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I'LL HAVE THEIR HEADS! I WILL TAKE THEM D
UGH!
...WHY DID YOU STOP?

ONE ESCAPED... THEY WERE ALL SUPPOSED TO BE SHOT DOWN.
DAIZEN ?
YOU IDIOT!!! YOU'RE ENRAGING NOBUNAGA-SAMA...!!!
THAT GUY'S DEAD!!!!
I'VE DONE WHAT YOU ASKED AND SHOWN YOU MY SKILL!! I REFUSE TO CONTINUE BULLYING THE WEAK!!!
THEN, ESTEEMED FATHER...

LET ME, NOBUKATSU, ATTACK THE REMAINING COUNTRY OF IGA.
I WILL ERADICATE THE PEOPLE OF IGA!
HOW'S THAT SOUND, FATHER ?!
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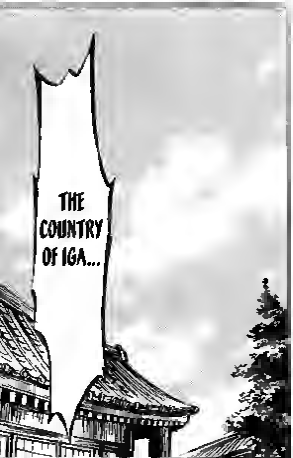
?!
WORTH-LESS RUNT.

WORTHLESS... THAT'S WHAT NOBUNAGA-SAMA CALLS PEOPLE WHO KEEP MAKING BLUNDERS.
DAIZEN, YOU'RE AN AMUSING GUY.
...!

ALL OF YOU!! LISTEN CAREFULLY!!!
KNOW THIS!!
THE NEIGHBORING COUNTRY OF IGA MUST NOT BE TAKEN LIGHTLY!!


THE COUNTRY OF IGA...

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IS WHERE GREEDY AND CRUEL MEN LURK LIKE WILD BEASTS...
AND IS KNOWN AS THE COUNTRY OF TREASURES!!

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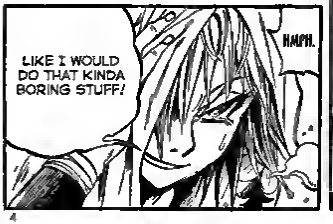
CHAPTER 3

...HMPH
HAS ISE FALLEN INTO ODA'S HANDS COMPLETELY?
GOOD; YOU'RE DISMISSED.
...HEY, HEYY.
DOES THAT MEAN ISE WILL REALLY INVADE IGA?
I GUESS.
BUT, IF IT TURNS TO A DEFENSIVE WAR TO PROTECT OUR COUNTRY...
OH YEAH, UNLIKE MAKING SECRET ASSASSINATIONS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES, THERE WON'T BE AN EMPLOYER, IT WILL BE JUST A USUAL JOB.../
HEY BUNGO.

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE "KONASU"?
OUR LORD ORDERED YOU TO STEAL IT WHILE YOU WERE THERE, RIGHT?

MUMON.


HMPH.
LIKE I WOULD DO THAT KINDA BORING STUFF!

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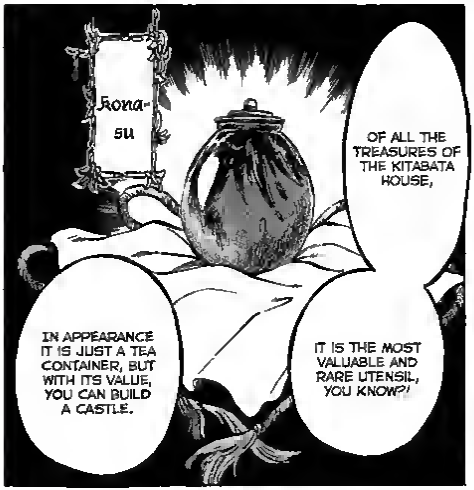
Kona-su
OF ALL THE TREASURES OF THE KITABATA HOUSE,
IT IS THE MOST VALUABLE AND RARE UTENSIL, YOU KNOW?!
IN APPEARANCE IT IS JUST A TEA CONTAINER, BUT WITH ITS VALUE, YOU CAN BUILD A CASTLE.

YOU'RE THE BORING ONE

*TN: IN THE TEXT IT REFERS TO ZENI

*TN: KAN: UNIT OF CURRENCY

BESIDES! EVEN IF WE STOLE IT, WE WOULDN'T GET ANY MONEY*
ANYWAY, YOU'RE FINE, AREN'T YOU?!
UNLIKE US, YOU GET ORDERS DIRECTLY FROM OUR LORD
IT WASN'T THERE, SO IT COULDN'T BE HELPED!
IT IS WORTH TEN THOUSAND KAN* WHAT A WASTE.
LISTEN, UP GENINS!!

T/N: GENIN IS THE LOWEST RANK OF NINJA/SHINOBI.
I WILL NOW ANNOUNCE THE DECISION THAT WE REACHED UPON DURING THE TWELVE HOUSE COUNCIL MEETING!

DECLARING THE ODA HOUSE OUR ENEMY WOULD ONLY DESTROY OUR COUNTRY...
THEREFORE, NOW, WHILE ODA HOUSE IS SEIZING OUR NEIGHBORING COUNTRY, ISE,
THE PEOPLE OF THE TWELVE HOUSE COUNCIL WILL SURRENDER TO THE GENERALS OF THE ODA HOUSE!!!

IF THAT HAPPENS... WOULDN'T WE BE AT WAR WITH ISE?
?!

WHA-WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO OUR PAYROLLS?!
.....
IF THAT HAPPENS, THIS TIME...
...IF THEY SAY SO, IT'S OK, BUT...

AH!
WHAT IS IT?

WHY?
I DON'T WANT MY EARNINGS TO GET WORSE FROM NOW ON!!
THAT IS... IF WE SURRENDER TO ODA, IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO GET JOBS FROM THE MILITARY COMMANDERS OF OTHER COUNTRIES...
AND WHY IS THAT?
UM. WELL, IT'S JUST THAT... IF WE SURRENDER TO ODA...
IS THERE ANY GUARANTEE THAT ODA WILL KEEP UP WITH OUR PAYMENT?
.....!
...BE ...BE-CAUSE ,,
HA?
MU-MOM!!!

IN THE CURRENT WAR IT HAVE BEEN SAID THAT THERE WOULDN'T BE ANY PAYMENT FOR IGA COMRADES...
BUT THIS GUY GETS AN EXCEPTIONAL PAYMENT WHENEVER HE ASSASSINATES SOMEONE.
THERE-FORE WE WOULD...
ALSO LIKE THE SAME!
KL SARU
TO PAY US FOR WHEN WE PUT OUR LIVES IN DANGER!

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SMALL FRIES WHO'VE NEVER MADE A SATISFACTORY JOB EVEN ONCE...
SHOULD BE DISCREET.
.....

...MU-MON...
WHY...
ONLY HIM...
WHEN HE IS JUST A GENIN LIKE US...
JUST BECAUSE HE IS A BIT MORE TAL-ENTED...
.....
*T/N Mon is money currency
ONE HUNDRED MON FROM OUR LORD
THEY SAY, EVEN TODAY, IN THE WAR, HE GOT...
11
WHAT?
ANYONE GOT A PRO-BLEM?

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JUST AS I THOUGH...
WE EITHER SURRENDER TO ODA
OR DIE...
...AND THEY ONLY CARE ABOUT THE MONEY
OUR LIVES HAVE NO VALUE
You too, damn Mumon...
MUMONNNNN!!!

FOR THE SAKE OF MONEY...
YOU KILLED MY BROTHER...
NOT GIVE A DAMN FOR HIS SON'S DEATH!
MY FUCKING FATHER AND HIS COLD ATTITUDE.
YET, THE THING EVEN MORE UNFORGIVABLE IS...
IT'S UNFORGIVABLE!
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THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY HAVE NO HEARTS!!
IN ADDITION, THE JISAMURAI* OF THE TWELVE HOUSES ONLY SEE US AS TOOLS.

*TN: JISAMURAI ARE HIGH RANKED SAMURAI, IT'S PLURAL

MORE THAN ANYTHING...
HOWEVER...
WHO DID NOT NOTICE THIS UNTIL WE LOST SOMEONE PRECIOUS...
I CANNOT FORGIVE THE ONE...
THE ONE I CANNOT FOR-GIVE IS MYSELF IN THE FIRST PLACE!!!

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AND FOR THAT...
I MUST DO SOMETHING!

AT THAT TIME...
THAT GUY,
.....?
HA HA HA
DAMN MUMON! EVEN THOUGH THE MEETING ISN'T OVER YET...
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...HUH.
SANDA-YUU.
MUMON IS SO CARE-LESS, AS USUAL,

LISTEN!!

IN ORDER TO CONVEY OUR INTENTIONS REGARDING THIS MATTER,
WE WILL SEND A MESSENGER TO ISE!
SO... WHO SHALL HAVE THIS DUTY...

PLEASE SEND ME AS MESSENGER!!

SEND ME.
.....!
THE ELDER SON OF SHIYAMA HOUSE, HEIBE.
FINE THEN, START PREPARATIONS IMMEDIATELY!
I'LL MAKE THESE BEASTS PAY FOR ALL THEY HAVE DONE.
JUST WATCH
ISE, AGAIN?!
BUNGO, GO WITH HIM. SERVE THE YOUNG MASTER!
WELL THEN, LET'S FINISH THE MEETING HERE FOR TODAY!!

The village of Houshiro, the fortress of Momoji Sandayuu
Inside of which
Lies Tetsu's home.
ポツリ

...PHEW!
!
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I'M HOME.
OH, IT'S YOU.
"I'M HOME" WHAT THE HELLL? TCH.
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THERE WILL BE NO WAR WITH ISE. WE WILL SURRENDER TO ODA.
?!!
HEY, TETSU,
SEEMS YOU'VE BEEN WORKING HARD.
YEAH, OH WELL..
WHAT DID YOU SAY?!!
THERE IS NO ONE TO BUY THESE AFTER ALL, YOU KNOW.
.....
DID YOU THINK THE GENINS OF THE MOMOJI HOUSE WOULD RUSH IN TO ORDER WEAPONS?
YOU'VE GOT BAD INTUITION.
MUMON, GO BACK TO YOUR HOUSE!

ALL THE GENINS OF THE MOMOJI HOUSE SAY IT!!
LISTEN!! IT'S NOT JUST ME WHO THINKS YOU ARE A NUISANCE!
DON'T SAY HUH!!
HUH?
ANYHOW, YOU EXTORTED MONEY FROM OUR LORD AGAIN TODAY,
AND EVERYONE IS ANGRY AT YOU!
ビリッ
AND ALL THAT 'CAUSE OF A WOMAN FROM ANOTHER COUNTRY THAT YOU BROUGHT BACK WITH YOU!

SHARPEN IT.

GEEZ, WHAT'S SO GOOD ABOUT THAT WOMAN?
TO MY HOUSE.
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!
I'M FOLLOWING YOUR WISH AND GOING BACK.

THEN,
HMPH ...
HMM, THERE ARE MANY PLEASURES THAT A BRAT CAN'T UNDERSTAND.

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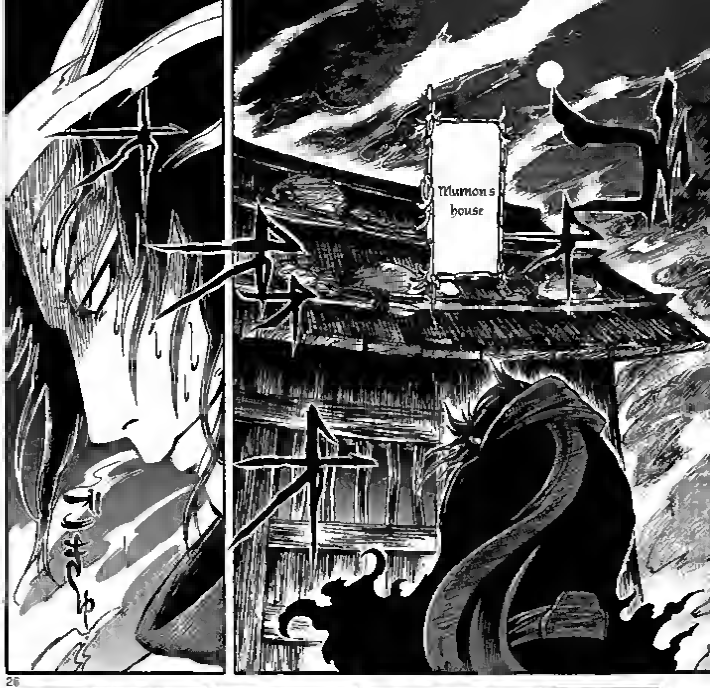
I DON'T WANNA SEE YOUR FACE AROUND HERE EVER AGAIN!
WELL, LET ME TELL YOU...

DAMN YOU. I WON'T MAKE WEAPONS FOR YOU ANYMORE!!
YEAH, YEAH.

I'M SURE YOU'LL BE BACK AGAIN SOON.
I CAN IMAGINE YOUR WEEPY FACE WHEN YOU COME CRAWLING BACK!
... HMPH! WHAT THE HELL, GOING BACK TO MY HOUSE.


Mumon's house

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WHO IS IT?

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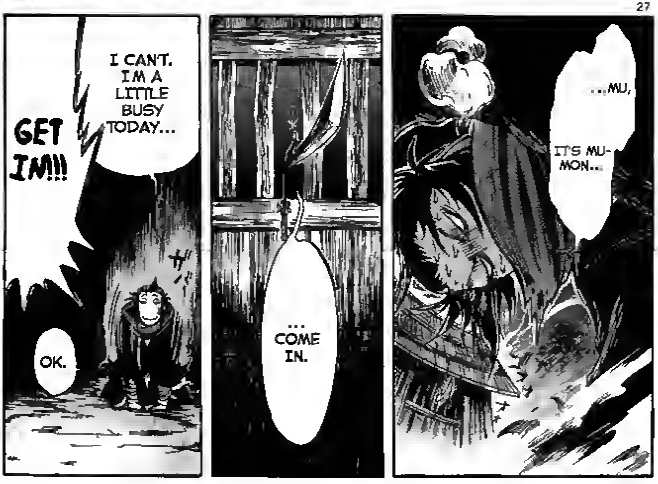
...MU,
IT'S MU-MON...
...COME IN.
I CAN'T. I'M A LITTLE BUSY TODAY...
GET IM!!!
OK.

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IT'S COLD!!!
CLOSE THE DOOR, QUICKLY,
AND SIT DOWN THERE!!

HERE ARE 100 MON...
Well...
HERE
SO,
WELL... ABOUT... EHM.
WHAT?!
CAN YOU
GIVE ME MY HOUSE BACK, ALREADY?
MUMON-DONO.

AS I THOUGHT!
I CAN'T TAKE THIS!!
FIRSTLY,

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IT'S BEEN 2 YEARS NOW?!

IT WOULD BE BETTER TO KICK HIM OUT ALREADY, BUT...

COME TO THINK OF IT, FROM THE DAY HE BROUGHT THAT WOMEN BACK WITH HIM...
HE STARTED FREE-LOADING IN MY HOUSE!
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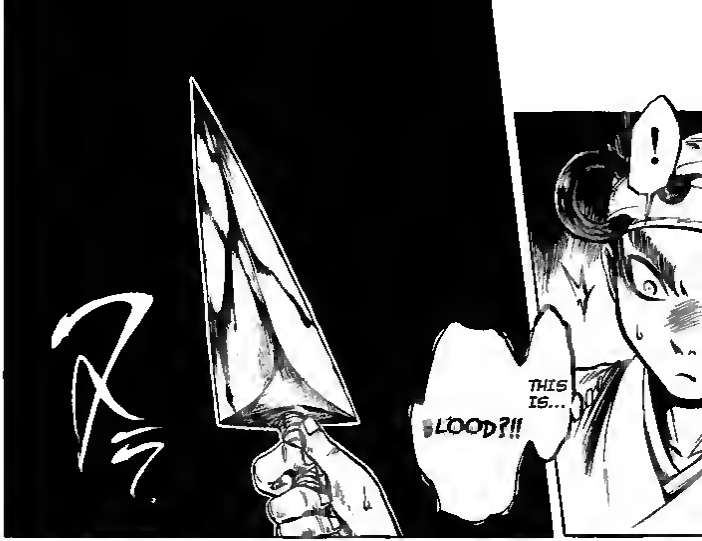
AAAH!
GEEZ, DAMN MUMON, WHAT THE HELL IS HE THINKING?!



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"SAYING THERE WILL BE NO WAR
I'VE GOT BAD INTUITION?! ME, WHO HAS BEEN MAKING WEAPONS FOR THE GENINS HERE EVER SINCE I REACHED THE AGE OF DISCRETION"?!

TN: AGE OF DISCRETION IS WHEN A CHILD BECOMES OLD ENOUGH TO UNDERSTAND WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND HIM

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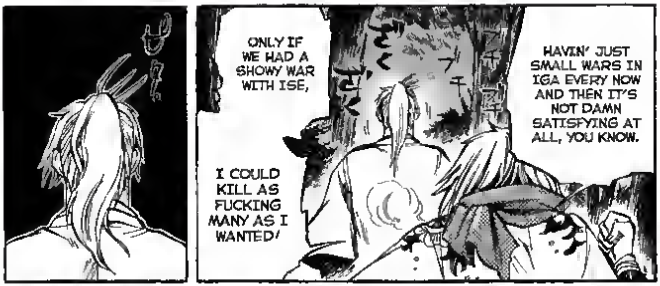
IN THIS MATTER,
EVERY-THING IS NOW IN OUR FAVOR, RIGHT?
IT FEELS GOOD YOU KNOW, WHEN ALL SHOGI* PIECES MOVED AS WE DESIRED.
YEAH. NO ONE WILL NOTICE; DON'T WORRY.

*TN: JAPANESE CHESS

*TN REFERRING TO HIS MURDERED SON

IT'S AN EXPECTED CONSEQUENCE AS YOU ALSO KNOW
WAR ITSELF HAS NO MEANING UNLESS...
SACRIFICES WERE ALSO MADE ACCORDING TO THE PLAN
WELL, THIS WAR MUST TAKE PLACE...
HUH
SURRENDERING TO ODA...!
I REALLY DON'T GET IT.
TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH,


ONLY IF WE HAD A SHOWY WAR WITH ISE,
I COULD KILL AS FUCKING MANY AS I WANTED!
HAVIN' JUST SMALL WARS IN IGA EVERY NOW AND THEN IT'S NOT DAMN SATISFYING AT ALL, YOU KNOW.

WHY'D YOU STOP?
?

YOUR WISH COME TRUE?!
SHALL I MAKE —

EH?

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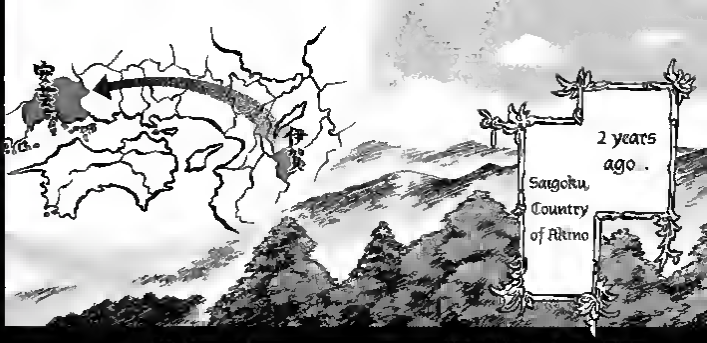
2 years ago...
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THE JOB'S OVER WITH NOW
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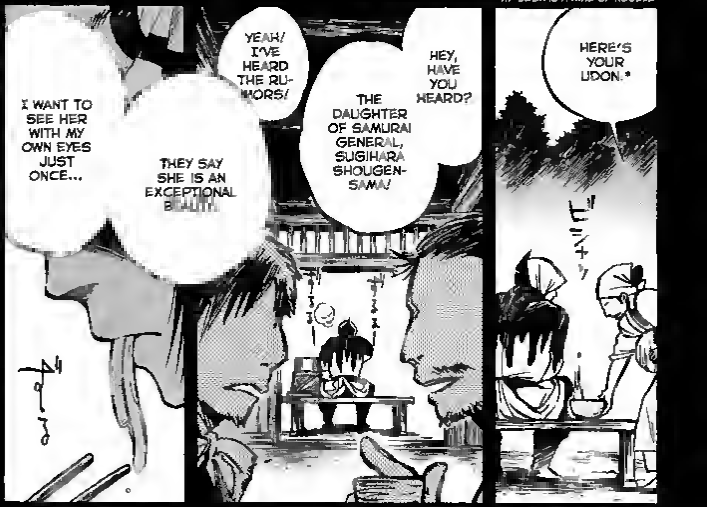
*TN: UDON IS A KIND OF NOODLE
HERE'S YOUR UDON.*
HEY, HAVE YOU HEARD?
THE DAUGHTER OF SAMURAI GENERAL, SUGIHARA SHOUGEN-SAMA!
YEAH! I'VE HEARD THE RU-MORS!
THEY SAY SHE IS AN EXCEPTIONAL BEAUTY.
I WANT TO SEE HER WITH MY OWN EYES JUST ONCE...

ずるり
HM...
HEHE I MIGHT PAY THAT GIRL THEY MENTION A VISIT... WHO KNOWS I MIGHT GET LUCKY WITH THE GIRL AT LEAST
SIGH, THE LOW PAY I GET FROM BOSS MOMOJI FOR JOBS LIKE THIS IS NOT ENOUGH TO GET BY...
That night at Sugihara Shougen's manston
SO... WHAT WAS THAT PRINCESS' NAME?
IF I REMEMBER CORRECT, IT'S SOMETHING LIKE OKUNI...
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There is a special technique to steal someone's heart.
At first, follow and repeat her breathing for a while only with your nose.
When you synchronize your breathing with hers completely, squeeze her cheeks.
When you send your passion through her open eyes,
at that moment, she becomes obedient ...

Obedient
?!
SHE DOES NOT.
STEP BACK!
NO... WAY...
?!
?
MY TECHNIQUE...
DIDN'T WORK?!
IMPOSSIBLE... UNTIL NOW, SUCH A THING HAS NEVER...

...
SINCE IT HAS COME TO THIS...!
!

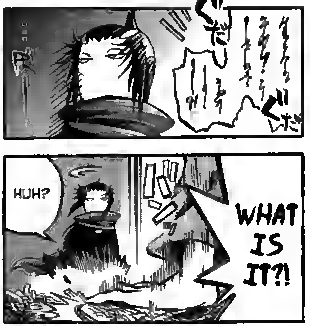
Winning a woman's heart...
This way...
That way...
...IN THAT CASE,
WILL YOU BE MY WIFE, PLEASE?
I MAY NOT LOOK LIKE IT. . BUT I AM A SHINOBI OF IGA.
THEREFOR I WILL NEVER MAKE YOU OKUNI-DONO WORRY ABOUT MONEY IN YOUR LIFETIME.
SO PLEASE COME ALONG WITH ME TO IGA AND BE MY WIFE!!

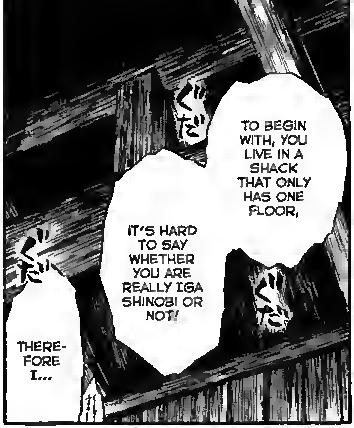
.....
Really?!
!
ALL RIGHT.
WITH ONE CONDITION...

I will be your wife,
but there won't be any others

*BECAUSE I AM AN IGA SHINOBI,
I WON'T MAKE YOU WORRY ABOUT MONEY IN YOUR LIFETIME*
THAT TIME,
DIDN'T YOU?!
I DID SAY THAT
WELL...
YOU CLEARLY SAID THAT, RIGHT?
DID MUMON-DONO MADE THIS YEAR?
YES?
AND HOW MUCH MONEY
100 MON
...IT'S MONEY
THEN, WHAT IS THIS?

1 KAN IS 286 MON!
.. WELL, WITH THIS 100 MON, IT IS NEARLY 1 KAN AND 300 MON...
WHEN WE CAME TO IGA, YOU PROMISED ME
THAT YOU WOULD BRING BACK HOME 40 KAN PER YEAR
IF I KNEW THAT WOULDN'T BE TRUE TO YOUR WORD I WOULDN'T AGREE TO BE YOUR WIFE!
12
DO YOU REALLY EXPECT ME
TO CONSIDER BEING YOUR WIFE UNDER THESE CIRCUM-STANCES?
UM... YES I DO,
AYE!
BESIDES, COME TO THINK OF IT,
AREN'T SHINOBI JUST PEASANTS?


HUH?
WHAT IS IT?!


TO BEGIN WITH, YOU LIVE IN A SHACK THAT ONLY HAS ONE FLOOR,
IT'S HARD TO SAY WHETHER YOU ARE REALLY IGA SHINOBI OR NOT!
THERE-FORE I...

YOUR NAME!

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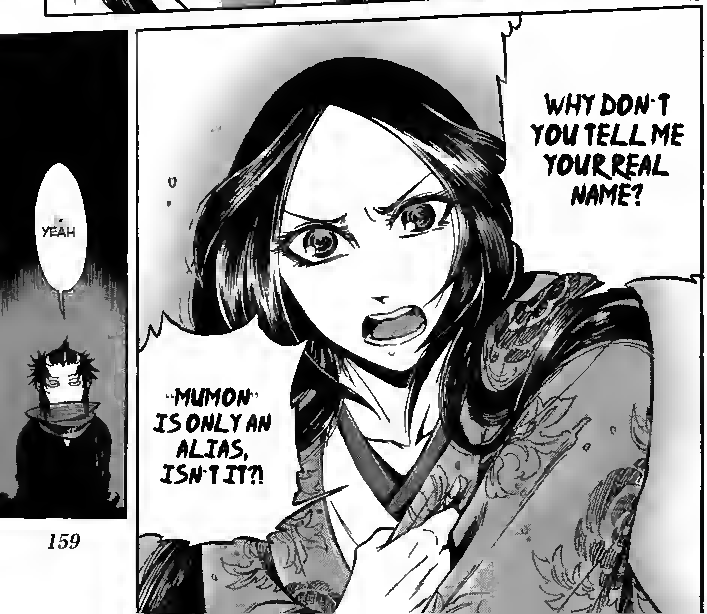
YEAH
"MUMON" IS ONLY AN ALIAS, ISN'T IT?!
WHY DON'T YOU TELL ME YOUR REAL NAME?

IT'S BECAUSE WE DON'T USE OUR REAL NAMES.
WITH REAL NAMES, IT BECOMES HARD TO KNOW WHO IS WHO
AND ALSO THE GUYS OF THE VILLAGE ...
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.....?
WHAT IS IT?
KISARU.
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?!!

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HO HO.
DID I INTERRUPT SOMETHING?
NOPE!
PLEASE COME IN!
I HATE YOUR CREEPY SHINOBI SENSES!
THEN I'LL BE OUTSIDE.
OH! HEY ...
PLEASE DON'T GO MORE THAN 3 METERS AWAY!
OTHERWISE I CAN'T FEEL YOUR AURA.
15
I CAN SEE SHE HATES SHINOBI.
IN-DEED.

MUMON
WHAT DID THIS GUY COME HERE FOR..?
BUT...
THIS AFTERNOON, AT THE MEETING..
YOU REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED RIGHT?

BUT YOU KILLED HIM, DIDN'T YOU?
IT WAS NOT A ONE TIME INCIDENT
THAT GUY,
WAS KILLED BECAUSE OF YOU.

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW MANY GENINS HAVE DIED AS YOUR SUBSTI-TUTES?
YOU'VE BEEN REFUSING JOBS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES
THESE 2 YEARS SINCE THAT WOMAN CAME HERE,
STOP EXTORTING MONEY FROM OUR LORD ALREADY.
GET YOUR MONEY FROM OTHER COUNTRIES LORDS
YOU ARE THE BLACK SHEEP OF OUR VILLAGE
ANYWAY, BECAUSE OF THE SPECIAL TREATMENT YOU ARE GETTING FROM OUR LORD...
LIKE I CARE.

I CAN'T
IF I SWING MY SWORD AROUND IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY, I MIGHT DIE
I CAN'T DIE BEFORE MARRYING OKUNI.

DAMN YOU... HAVE YOU BECOME A USELESS, HOMESICK SHINOBI?
THE ONLY THING I CHERISH IS MY LIFE AND—
OKUNI'S HAPPI-NESS
HAHAHA! BECAUSE OF THAT, EVEN YOUR SHACK HAS BEEN TAKEN AWAY BY HER!
SHALL I JUST KILL HER AND GET IT OVER WITH...?
THAT WOULD BE A PROBLEM FOR ME.
...WELL THEN,

I'LL KILL YOU INSTEAD!
!?

HE HE HE HEE...
TCH
YOU SHOT ME...
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ガラン

YOU GOT OLD, KISARU.
...YEAH.
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ANOTHER GUEST?
!?

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I STILL WONDER...
WHY DID I FOLLOW HIM HERE...?
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Something...
WHEN...
WHEN I SAW MUMON-DONO AT THAT MOMENT...

CAN'T HE...
TELL ME AT LEAST...
HIS REAL NAME?

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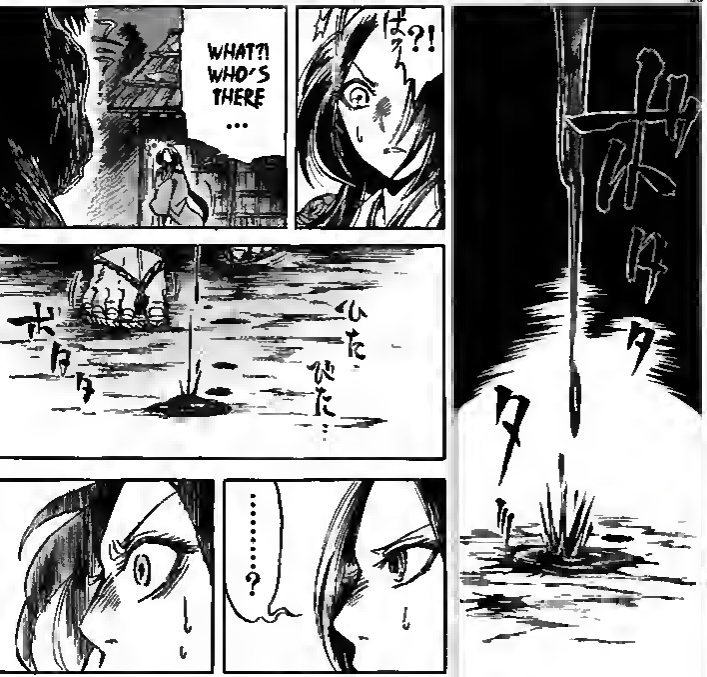
WHAT?! WHO'S THERE ...
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TCH
SO THERE WAS NOTHING.

Inside Momoji's fortress
Momoji Sandayuu's mansion

IF HE WON'T BE ABLE TO WORK AGAIN, KILL HIM.

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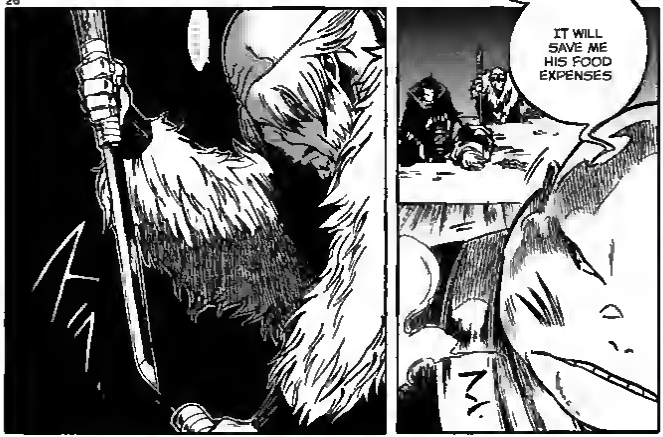
IT WILL SAVE ME HIS FOOD EXPENSES

WAIT A MOMENT.
DO YOU UNDERSTAND HIM?
NOT A WORD.
?
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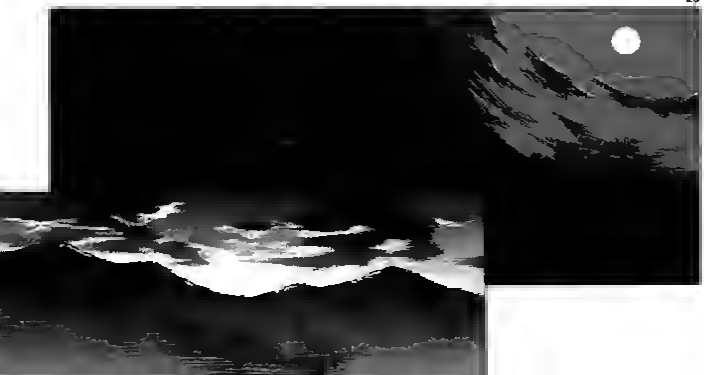
I DON'T WANNA DO THIS BUT...
HE CAN READ HIS TONGUE MOVEMENTS AND TELL US WHAT HE IS SAYING?

"I was attacked by Shimoyama Heibe"

MY LORD.
SHIMOYAMA HEIBE BETRAYED US.



Country of Ise
Tamaru Castle
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WHAT? AN IGA MAN CALLED SHIMOYAMA HEIBE IS AT THE GATES?!
YES, SIR.
AH, TSUGE-SAMA!
YOU... WHAT ARE YOU DOING ...?!
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WHAT ...
I AM HERE TO DELIVER A MESSAGE FOR KITABATAKE NOBUKATSU-SAMA.

TIE ME.
IF YOU HAVE TO. I WILL NOT RESIST.
SHIMOYAMA HEIBE!
I AM TSUGESABUROU SAEMON. ONCE I WAS ALSO ONE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE TWELVE HOUSE COUNCIL.
I HAD SEEN YOU [illegible] TIMES BACK THEN WHEN YOUR FATHER BROUGHT YOU TO THE MEETINGS
YOU'VE REALLY GROWN.

……!
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THOSE PEOPLE ARE...
NOT HUMANS!

this man is...
But,
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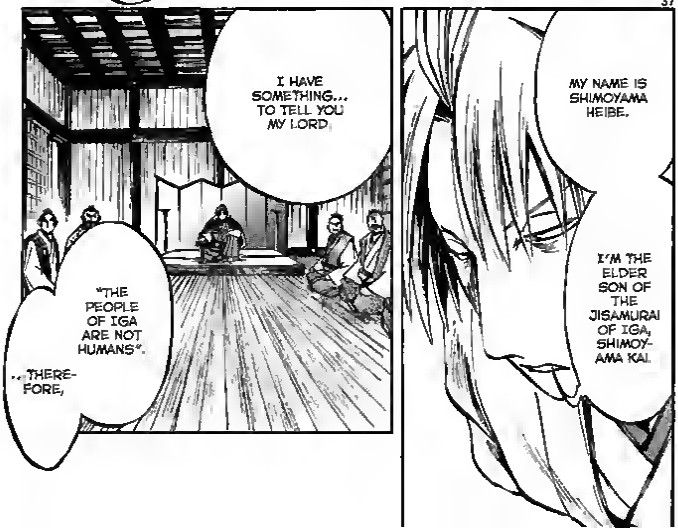
THE IGA MAN WHO WANTED TO SPEAK WITH ME
SO IT'S YOU...

SO HE CAN'T USE ANY TECHNIQUES TO ESCAPE OR TO ATTACK YOU
HE HAS DISLOCATED HIS OWN SHOULDER AND HE IS ALSO TIED UP.
MY LORD,
..TCH, YOU'RE NOT PLANNING TO ATTACK ME, RIGHT?!
SPEAK QUICKLY.


I HAVE SOMETHING... TO TELL YOU MY LORD.
"THE PEOPLE OF IGA ARE NOT HUMANS".
..THEREFORE,
MY NAME IS SHIMOYAMA HEIBE.
I'M THE ELDER SON OF THE JISAMURAI OF IGA, SHIMOYAMA KAI.

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE YOUR TROOPS TO INVADE IGA...
AND ELIMI-NATE ALL OF THOSE INHUMAN MONSTERS!
...
HUH?!

AN IGA PERSON HIM-SELF...
PROPOSES TO ATTACK IGA?!

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To be continued in Volume 2

Shinobi no Kuni bonus
BUT BECAUSE THAT IDIOT BANNO* PUT THEM OUT RANDOMLY, WITHOUT THINKING ABOUT IT,
"SHINOBI NO KUNI" HAS MANY FASCINATING PEOPLE.
FROM GENIN ARMORS TO METAL HOUSE FOUNTAINS,
THIS IS TETSU, THE BLACK-SMITH!
HELLO, NICE TO MEET YOU THANKS FOR READING SO FAR
*TN: BANNO= THE ARTIST OF THE MANGA
SO, LET'S START!
TODAY, I WOULD LIKE TO REVIEW THE CHARA-CTERS IN ORDER.
HOWEVER, THERE WAS AN AGREEMENT AMONG THESE SAMURAI TO PROTECT THE COUNTRY FROM FOREIGN INVASION, AND SO THE PEOPLE OF TWELVE HOUSE WERE FORMED
IN THIS SMALL COUNTRY, 66 JISAMURAI* ARE MIXED ALL OVER THE LAND THERE ARE CONSTANT SKIRMISHES BETWEEN SAMURAI WHO ARE BAD ON TERMS WITH EACH OTHER.
近江
伊賀
大和
伊勢
FIRST, LET ME BRIEFLY EXPLAIN THE STRUCTURE OF THE IGA COUNTRY!
THE SALARY OF GENINS IS THE 10% OF THE REMUNERATION OF THE SHINOBI JOBS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

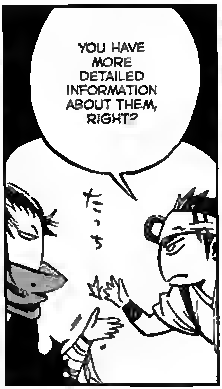
*TN: JISAMURAI = HIGH-RANKED SAMURAI

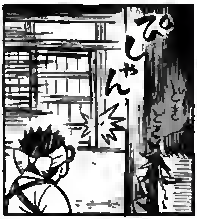
*TN: GENIN = LOW-RANRED SAMURAI

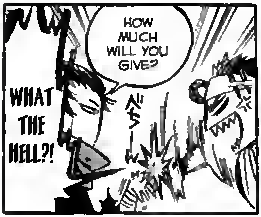
EVEN THOUGH HE IS FROM IGA, HE IS AN ODD GUY WHO ACTUALLY CARES ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE
HE IS TALENTED AND STRONG. HIS WEAPONS: NITOU KOGATANA*
THIS IS HIS FAMILY
HIS FATHER
HIS YOUNGER BROTHER
A KEY FIGURE WHO STARTS A BATTLE IN THIS STORY
NOW THE CHARACTERS! ONE OF THE PEOPLE OF TWELVE HOUSE'S ELDER SON, "SHIMOYAMA HEIBE"
*T/N: TWO SWORD STYLE WITH SMALL SWORDS
IT'S NOT RELATED WITH THIS STORY BUT, THIS GUY IS ACTUALLY ULTRA FAMOUS.
THOSE WHO DON'T KNOW THE ORIGINAL WORK* SHOULD CONFIRM IT FOR THEMSELVES!
HOBBIES MURDER
ALTHOUGH HE IS NOT VERY STRONG, HE IS VERY FAST WHEN IT COMES TO RUNNING AWAY
WEAPONS NINJA SWORD MAKIBISHI* SPIKES
FIRST GENIN, "BUNGO"
ANOTHER ONE FROM THE PEOPLE OF TWELVE HOUSE, IS OUR LORD, MOMOJI'S
*TN: SHINOBI NO KUNI IS BASED ON A NOVEL BY RYOU WADA.
*TN: MAKIBISHI = CALTROP
THE ONE WHO HAS BEEN FREE-LOADING AT MY HOUSE FOR TWO YEARS...
AND THE THIRD ONE,
IN IGA DIALECT HE'S ALSO CALLED OGORO (MOLE)
WEAPONS SWORD CANE
AHD EYEBROWS
THE SECOND GENIN IS "KISARU". HE HAS BEEN CALLED THE EXPERT OF DOTON* IN THE PAST.
*TN: DOTON = NINJA TECHNIQUE OF LAND-ESCAPE
BESIDES, HE WILL BE THE MAIN PROTAGONIST IN THE STORY (PRE-ANNOUNCEMENT)
HE IS THE MOST POWERFUL, BUT HE'S ALSO THE LAZIEST ONE
What?!
"MUMON"
WEAPONS NITOU KOGATANA SPECIAL IRON MADE HAPPOUSHURIKEN*
HE IS IGA'S GREATEST SHINOBI!
*TN: HAPPOUSHURIKEN = EIGHT-EDGED SHURIKEN

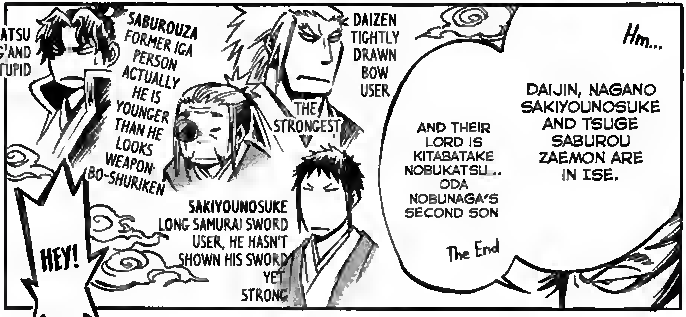
*TN: A GROUP/DIVISION OF COMMANDER SAMURAIS

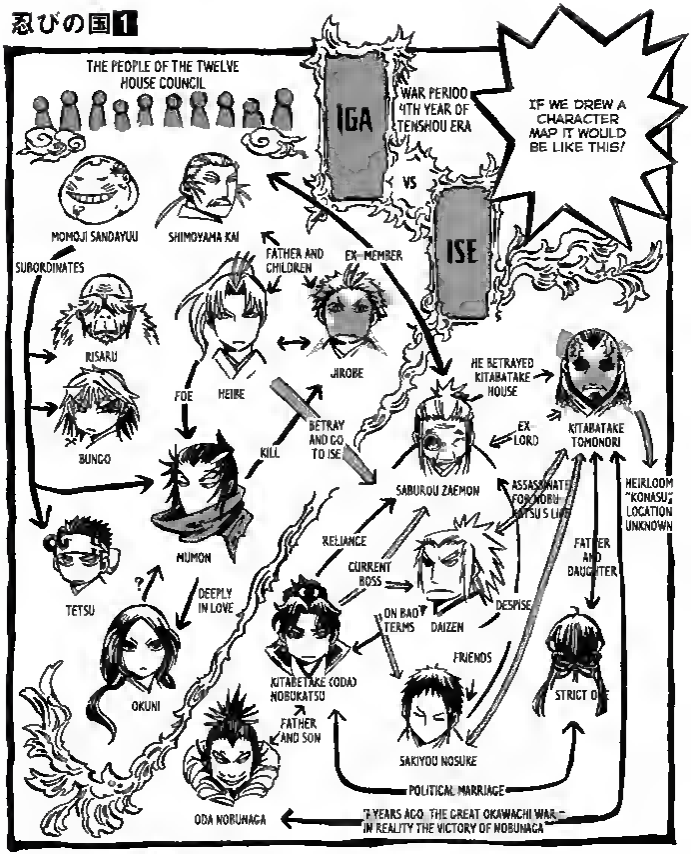
SHE IS THE DAUGHTER OF A GENERAL OF SENGOKUTORI SUKIHARA SHOUGEN
SHE WON'T BE HIS WIFE UNTIL HE EARNS 40 KAN PER YEAR. THAT'S THE DEAL.
THAT "OKUNI", IS NOT HIS BRIDE YET!
AKI (HIRO-SHIMA)
BUT HE'S DOING ALL THESE BECAUSE OF THAT WOMAN WHO ELOPED WITH HIM FROM
Mumon is not his real name.
HE ALWAYS EXTORTS MONEY FROM OUR LORD
AND HE NEVER GOES HOME BUT STAYS IN MY HOUSE INSTEAD








NOBUKATSU YOUNG AND STUPID
SABUROUZA FORMER IGA PERSON ACTUALLY HE IS YOUNGER THAN HE LOOKS WEAPON: BO-SHURIKEN
DAIZEN TIGHTLY DRAWN BOW USER
THE STRONGEST
SAKIYOUNOSUKE LONG SAMURAI SWORD USER, HE HASN'T SHOWN HIS SWORD YET STRONG
HEY!
Hm...
DAIJIN, NAGANO SAKIYOUNOSUKE AND TSUGE SABUROU ZAEMON ARE IN ISE.
AND THEIR LORD IS KITABATAKE NOBUKATSU... ODA NOBUNAGA'S SECOND SON
The End


THE PEOPLE OF THE TWELVE HOUSE COUNCIL
IGA
WAR PERIOD 4TH YEAR OF TENSHOU ERA
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ISE
IF WE DREW A CHARACTER MAP IT WOULD BE LIKE THIS!
MOMOJI SANDAYUU
SHIMOYAMA KAI
SUBORDINATES
FATHER AND CHILDREN
EX-MEMBER
RISARU
HEIBE
JIROBE
FOE
BUNGO
KILL
BETRAY AND GO TO ISE
HE BETRAYED KITABATAKE HOUSE
EX-LORD
KITABATAKE TOMONORI
SABUROU ZAEMON
ASSASSINATE FOR NOBU-TSU'S LIFE
HEIRLOOM "KONASU" LOCATION UNKNOWN
MUMON
RELIANCE
CURRENT BOSS
FATHER AND DAUGHTER
TETSU
DEEPLY IN LOVE
DESPISE
ON BAD TERMS
DAIZEN
OKUNI
KITABETAKE (ODA) NOBUKATSU
FRIENDS
STRICT D
FATHER AND SON
SAKIYOU NOSURE
POLITICAL MARRIAGE
ODA NOBUNAGA
3 YEARS AGO THE GREAT OKAWACHI WAR IN REALITY THE VICTORY OF NOBUNAGA

SEE YOU IN THE NEXT VOLUME!
Hey, where is my money?
NOW WE ARE OVER WITH IT RIGHT?

特別感謝

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ALTHOUGH YOU HAD COME TO VISIT US AT LAST, YOU HAD MADE A BIG HELP

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ART CONTEST #2

2nd Art concest theme:

Redesigning our mascot (Current Green Frog)

1st Prize winner:

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- **Money prize of 10 €**
- He/she will be able to read ahead whatever project he/she likes from the EGS project list (for a month)
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